Enquiry report on Karipur airport incidents

2202. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of any petition seeking inquiry in respect of the incident that took place at Karipur airport on the 1st November, 2004;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether Government have conducted an inquiry under "The Suppression of Unlawful Act against the Safety of Civil Aviation Act 1982" as demanded in the petition;

(d) if so, the details of the inquiry; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An affidavit is being filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

(c) and (d) Regional Deputy Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has conducted an enquiry and have found that no violation of Suppression of Unlawful Act against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982 took place. An enquiry was also instituted by State Government of Kerala and have taken punitive measures including transfer of concerned state officials.

(e) Does not arise.

Alliance Air Service in Delhi-Raipur Sector

†2203. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of daily passengers using alliance air flights in Delhi-Raipur Sector during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any plan for flight extension in this sector keeping in view the increasing number of passengers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Alliance Air operates 4 flights per week with B-737 aircraft on Delhi-Raipur-Vizag-Chennai and return route. The average number of passengers carried per flight on Delhi-Raipur-Delhi sector has been as follows:-

Year	Delhi/Raipur	Raipur/Delhi
2004-05	68	50
2005-06 (April-June, 05)	65	43

(b) to (d) Alliance Air has no plans, at present, to increase frequency of operations on Delhi-Raipur-Delhi route due to operational constraints.

Extension of runway at Silchar airport

2204. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force constituted in 1998 recommended extension of runways at Silchar, Lilabari and Dibrugarh airport on priority by AAI to a minimum of 7500 feet to enable safe operation of A-320 type aircraft;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Silchar Airport runway has not yet been extended besides others;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the extension work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work for extension of runway and other associated works at Silchar Airport has been awarded in March, 2005. The work is under execution. The length of the runway at Lilabari airport has been extended to 7500 feet while the work for extension of runway at Dibrugarh airport to 7500 feet is going ahead.